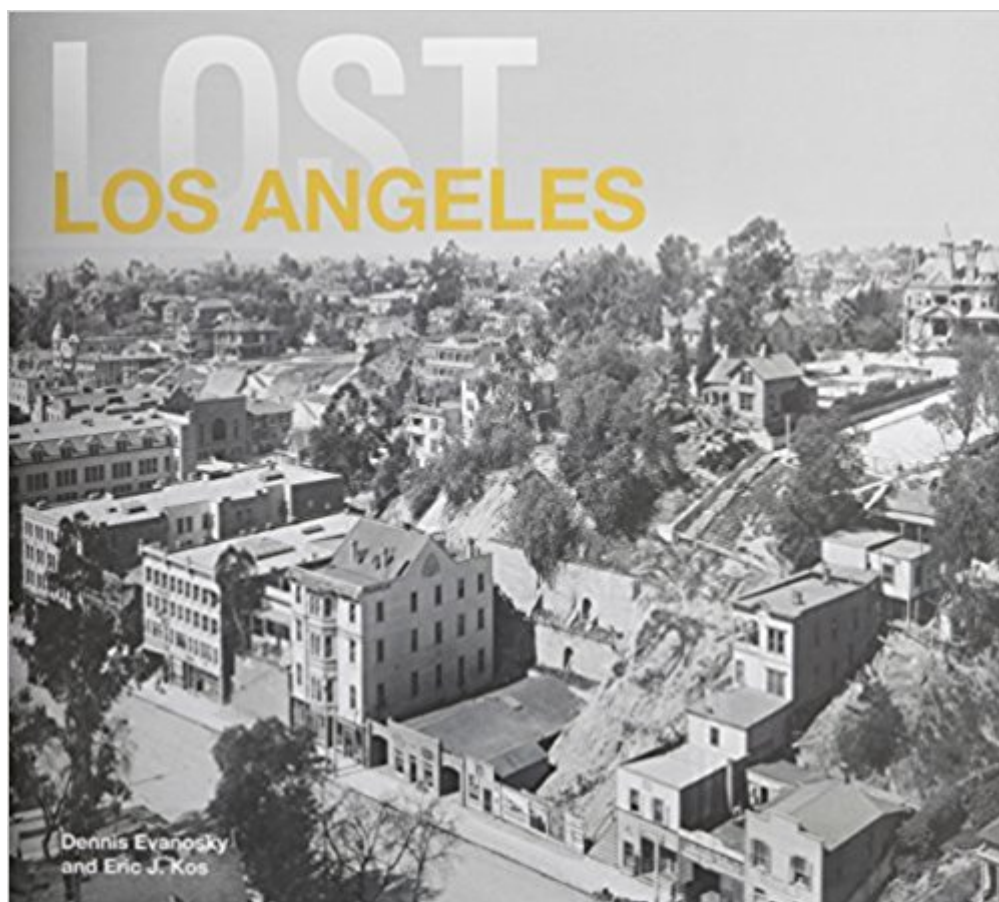


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Lost Los Angeles



Synopsis

Astonishing images of vanished Los Angeles, from the landmark Ambassador Hotel to the original life-sustaining Zanja Madre Los Angeles is less than 150 years old, yet in that short time a great deal has been built and torn down. Like most cities it has suffered the loss of classic old cinemas, Victorian hotels, and grand railroad stations, but L.A. has also seen the passing of major industries, film companies, film lots, hills, airfields, piers, and a speedway. Citrus groves have come and gone, oil derricks have sprung up in their place and been replaced by housing tracts. The movie industry moved in from New York and Chicago, expanded, contracted, and then sold off their lots. National radio stations built, then soon vacated, grand art deco studios around Sunset & Vine. Abbot Kinney's vision of a Venetian suburb was largely filled in after the banks eroded. This book displays an extraordinary variety of lost glories from this unique city: Barker Brothers, Beverly Hills Speedway, Bradbury Residence, Casa Don Vicente Lugo, Chaplin Airfield, the community in Chavez Ravine, Church of the Open Door, The City of Los Angeles train, County Records Building, Court Flight, the Egyptian marquee, Eternity Street, Fort Moore Hill, Grand Central Air Terminal, Helms and Van de Kamp bakeries, La Grande Station, the MGM backlots, Mount Lowe Railway, Pan Pacific Stadium, Jayne Mansfield's Pink Palace, Richfield Oil Building, Sears, the Temple Block, Theme Building at LAX, and Wrigley Field.

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Customer Reviews

Dennis Evanosky and Eric J. Kos publish the Alameda Sun, a weekly newspaper in the Bay Area. They are the coauthors of East Bay Then and Now, Los Angeles from the Air Then and Now, and Lost San Francisco.

So much of the historical Los Angeles has been lost to "progress". This book reminds us what a wonderful place L.A. was when the buildings were Art Deco, and the neighborhoods quaint. What was amazing to see was what was torn down to build the Hollywood Freeway. It's nice that someone has taken on the job of preserving that history in photos.

I often take architectural tours of the Los Angeles area that talk about buildings that have been demolished through the years. A few have been saved but repurposed or redeveloped. Most are gone and another structure has replaced it. I found LOST LOS ANGELES while searching on and I absolutely love the book. It's 143 pages of pictures and text on structures that have been lost. It also mentions bits of Los Angeles life that is gone such as the orange groves or the streetcars. This is a fun book for anyone interested "lost" Los Angeles buildings. Some do exist in a different form. An example is the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale. It served the long gone Glendale Municipal Airport that had historical ties to Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart and Howard Hughes. Fortunately, the building was purchased by the Walt Disney Company and this almost forgotten gem still stands. LOST LOS ANGELES is a well-researched and documented book that will take you back in time to a very different Los Angeles.

An amazing collection of photos with very informative descriptions. I was raised, lived in and worked for the City of Los Angeles from 1944 to 1997. Thought I knew most everything about this great City, but this publication held a few surprises. A must for any fan of one of the world's best cities.

i am obsessed with learning about los angeles's forgotten and hidden history. there is SOOOO much in even the last 50 years that no one talks about anymore! very happy to add this book to my collection. beautiful photos. i hope there is a follow up.

Wonderful book and extremely educational. The pictures are priceless as is the information.....I had no idea so many beautiful, irreplaceable, architectural masterpieces were trashed in Los Angeles to make way for.....freeways ! Where was the historic society, where were the preservationists ???? To destroy countless magnificent edifices was such a tragic loss to the history

of LA and so very sad. Every resident of Los Angeles should have a copy of this book if for no other reason than.....to see what they missed out on.

I saw this book at my local Costco (and was several dollars cheaper than here on) and was intrigued by its many rare photos that I'd never seen before. This coming from a rabid LA history buff with several dozen books throughout my bookcases. Anyway, I put the book down thinking that I'd purchase it the next time. But in typical Costco fashion, I came in the following week only to find the book was no longer stocked. Bummer.If you're into LA history, get this book! It's a bit disheartening to see how many beautiful buildings our city has torn down in the name of "progress."

Stunning book! Really well written and designed with a great collection of photos, and honestly I can't believe the price! The history of this city has its own mystique, and this book captures a portion of it. Thanks!

Outstanding quality and value. Excellent packaging and swift and secure delivery. Much to recommend dealer. Fantastic book for fans of Los Angeles. A++++

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